

# Holt Home Study Guidelines

## China Requirements

These guidelines are **in addition** to what is listed in the Holt General Home Study Guidelines document.  
**Only sections with additional requirements are included.**

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### General Notes

- China's government is very sensitive to any portrayal of Taiwan and Hong Kong as independent entities. Thus, please write "Taiwan, China" and "Hong Kong, China" throughout the study. If stated solely as "Taiwan" or "Hong Kong", the Chinese Embassy will reject the family's home study for authentication.

### APPLICANT(S)

- If an applicant has a history of drug use or abuse that must be included in the home study, or an arrest related to drugs/drug paraphernalia, please contact the China team ASAP (*before* sending draft for review).

### MARRIAGE

- Must include a statement that the couple is satisfied and/or happy with their marriage.

### CHILDREN

- City and province place of birth must be included for any China adoptees.
- For children over 10 years old, include a statement regarding their view about their parent(s) plans to adopt.

### PARENTING SKILLS AND VALUES

- 12 hours of parent training are required (10 must be Hague). Holt's Parenting Adoptee Training (3 hours) is required.
- Returning families need to complete 8.5 hours of new training as outline in China Family Handbook.

### RELIGION

- Interested in faith of family: discuss briefly, avoid detailed information.
- Discuss family's willingness to accept whatever their adopted child's decision is for religion in the future.

### HOME, COMMUNITY, FINANCES

Home

- For any discussion of guns in the home: "Firearm" translates better than "gun".

Finances

- China does not count student loans towards toward liabilities. Please omit if family's net worth does not meet eligibility otherwise (\$80,000 or \$100,000 for single applicants).

### GUARDIANSHIP PLAN

- Guardians must meet eligibility criteria same as adoptive parents.
  - Age is often an issue: Guardians must be over age 30 but no more than 50 years older than the child to be adopted.
  - Single men are not eligible to be guardians.
- Families may select backup/secondary guardians if their primary guardians do not meet the eligibility criteria.

### REFERENCES

- Include at least three references.
- Any children of the applicant(s) over age 18 must provide a reference.